

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

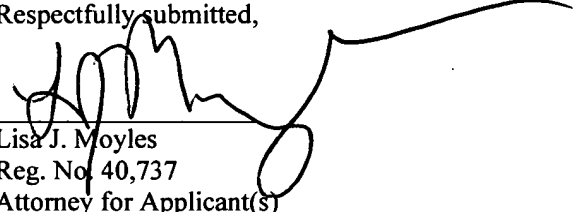
It is respectfully requested that the amendment to the above-referenced application, presented herein, be entered prior to examination.

The specification has been amended herein to add the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section to include the entire lineage from which the present application claims benefit of and priority to.

It is believed that no fee is due for entry of the present amendment, however, if it is determined that a fee is required for entry of the present amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0550 in the name of United States Surgical Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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